

# Crown Irrigation Investments Limited

4 June 2015

Luke Howison

Via email: [fyi-request-2640-e336d812@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-2640-e336d812@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Luke,

I refer to your initial request dated 22 April 2015, seeking, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

- *Minutes of CIIL board meetings during the period 1 September 2013 to 31 July 2014*
- *Documents related to due diligence on the Central Plains Water investment prepared between March and July 2014 (described on the CIIL website at <http://www.crownirrigation.co.nz/investment/central-plains-water/>)*

*Answers to the following questions:*

- *How many registrations of interest from prospective irrigation schemes have been received since CIIL was established?*
- *What remuneration do CIIL board members receive (either per year or per meeting)?*
- *What is the procedure for assessing conflicts of interest between board members and proposed investments?*
- *Have any CIIL board members recused themselves from decisions or votes on the Central Plains Water investment for reasons of conflicts of interest?*

Our initial response noted that there were a significant number of documents within the scope of request. The request was revised, with your agreement on 19 May 2015, as follows:

*Request for information:*

- *The approvals from the Crown Irrigation Investments Limited (CIIL) Board meeting minutes which relate to the Board's decision to invest in the Central Plains Water irrigation scheme (CPW)*
- *A copy of the CIIL Board interests register.*

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It was also agreed that we would endeavour to provide you with a response no later than Thursday 4 June 2015.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are attached.

- CIIL Board meeting minutes 21 February 2014
- CIIL Board meeting minutes 24 June 2014
- CIIL Board interest register

Certain information in the documents has been withheld, due to it being out of the scope of the request.

Answers to your questions are also attached.

In accordance with section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of the decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
Wellington 6143

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ella Harper if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Murray Gribben', with a horizontal line drawn through it.

Murray Gribben  
**Chief Executive**  
**Crown Irrigation Investments Limited**